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SUBJECT: STOBBE'S WASHINGTON REMARKS

REF: USBERLIN 2028

1. I HAD OPPORTUNITY FOR BRIEF DISCUSSION WASHINGTON TRIP WITH STOBBE EVENING OCTOBER 7. RE REMARKS CARRIED DPA STORY (PARA 2 REFTTEL), HE SAID HIS MOTIVATION WAS THAT OF ATTEMPTING GET BONN TO REALIZE IMPORTANCE BEING MORE FORTHCOMING WITH ALLIES ON TRANSIT AND OTHER INNER-GERMAN TALKS. HE SEES GAUS FREQUENTLY, IS WELL-AWARE ALLIES ARE KEPT SCANTILY AND BELATEDLY INFORMED OF WHAT IS GOING ON, FEELS EVENTUAL RESULTS WILL BE OF LEGITIMATE AND DIRECT INTEREST TO ALLIES, AND THINKS IT WOULD BE FAR BETTER FOR BONN KEEP THEM CONTINUOUSLY AND FULLY INFORMED THAN PRESENT THEM WITH VIRTUAL FAIT ACCOMPLI WITH LITTLE TIME TO REACT TO IT. HE SAID HE HAD TALKED THIS UP IN BONN WITH SMALL SUCCESS, LARGELY BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN UNABLE CONVINCE CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT OF ITS IMPORTANCE. ACCORDING TO STOBBE, SCHMIDT THINKS ONLY THING THAT MATTERS VERY MUCH IS OVERALL ECONOMIC-FINANCIAL DEAL WITH GDR; AFTER THIS EVERYTHING WILL FALL INTO PLACE WITH NO FURTHER PROBLEMS. STOBBE OBSERVED THAT THIS IS JUST NOT THE WAY THINGS WORK WITH  
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GDR, PARTICULARLY NOT IF BERLIN IS IN ANY WAY INVOLVED,

WHERE EVERYTHING IS POLITICAL, HIGHLY-NUANCED, AND ONE MUST BE SATISFIED WITH SMALL POSITIVE STEPS, THEN ONLY AFTER TOUGH NEGOTIATIONS. HE DISMISSED NEUES DEUTSCHLAND CRITICISM OF HIS REMARKS AS CONFUSED AND ILL-INFORMED.

2. STOBBE WAS HIGHLY PLEASED WITH TRIP IN GENERAL AND ATTITUDES OF THOSE HE MET IN WASHINGTON. HE SINGLED OUT ONLY TWO AREAS WHERE HE WAS LESS THAN FULLY SATISFIED WITH USG POSITION. ONE IS POSSIBLE OUTCOME GENEVA FREQUENCY CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD FORCE CHOICE BETWEEN RIAS AND SFB AS ONLY STATION TO OPERATE OUT OF WEST BERLIN. HE SAID THIS IS INTOLERABLE CHOICE AND WE SIMPLY MUST NOT LET OURSELVES BE PUT IN SUCH POSITION. OTHER IS QUESTION OF INCREASED CIVIL AIR SERVICE TO WEST BERLIN. STOBBE BELIEVES THAT SUCH SERVICE IS IMPORTANT BUT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT ALLIED-SOVIET DISCUSSION, AND WHILE UNDERSTANDING U.S. RELUCTANCE ENGAGE IN SUCH DISCUSSION SAID NEVERTHELESS HE CONTINUES HOPE WE WILL FIGURE OUT ACCEPTABLE WAY DO IT. HE DID NOT HOWEVER SOUND HOPEFUL AND DID NOT PUSH QUESTION HARD. HE WAS VERY MUCH IMPRESSED BY SENATOR HUMPHREY, PARTICULARLY BY FACT THAT AS POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE HE GAVE SUCH STRONG SUPPORT TO FOREIGN POLICY OF A REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION. HE SAID THIS WOULD NEVER HAPPEN IN FRG.

3. COMMENT: RE PARA 1 ABOVE, WITHOUT QUESTIONING GENUINENESS OF STOBBE'S FEELINGS ABOUT CUTTING ALLIES IN EARLY IN GAME ON TALKS WITH GDR, I WOULD GUESS HIS MAJOR MOTIVATION IS THAT OF ENHANCING CHANCES ENLIST ALLIED SUPPORT ON BERLIN'S SIDE AGAINST BONN IN BERLIN-RELATED ISSUES. IT IS NO SECRET THAT BONN AND BERLIN DO NOT ALWAYS SEE THESE IN SAME WAY, AND THE SENATE WOULD OF COURSE LIKE SEE US ON THEIR SIDE IN ANY BERLIN-BONN ARGUMENT. THIS OBVIOUSLY MEANS WE MUST BE INVOLVED IN EARLY STAGES TO BE OF MAXIMUM USEFULNESS FROM BERLIN POINT OF VIEW, BEFORE MATTER SET IN CONCRETE AS FAR AS BONN CONCERNED. GEORGE

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